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TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 91-71

SUBJECT: ZEBLEY V. SULLIVAN - SSI/SSP NOTICE TO CLASS MEMBER

The recent court order in the case Zebley v. Sullivan has changed the Social Security Administration (SSA) disability determination criteria for children. As a result, SSA must review all denials of disability made by the SSI/SSP program back to January 1, 1980.

SSA is sending a notice to all class members informing them of the order and the proper procedures for obtaining a reevaluation for SSI/SSP. A copy of the SSI/SSP Zebley notice is enclosed for your information. Under Zebley class members will be permitted to request a reevaluation from SSA within 120 days from the date of receipt of the notice. The reevaluation will take approximately 60 to 90 days at which time SSI will notify the claimant of the outcome.

We are currently reviewing the Zebley v. Sullivan decision and will be providing you additional information in the near future.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Poindexter by telephone at (916) 324-0652.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Frank S. Martucci, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Enclosure

Social Security Administration
Supplemental Security Income
Important Information

DOC:
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Date:

Social Security Number:

Important News For Children Denied SSI

We have good news for you about your past claim for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) childhood disability benefits. The Supreme Court, in a case called Sullivan v. Zebley, said that we were not using the right rules when we denied your claim for SSI childhood disability benefits or stopped your SSI benefits.

What You Need To Do

You can ask us to look at your claim again using our new rules for deciding children's disability, even if you are no longer a child. (Parents of a deceased child can also ask us to look at the child's claim again.) If you want us to do this, fill out the enclosed reply form and send it to us now. You have 120 days from the day you receive this letter to do it, but don't wait. If you don't send the reply form back, we may not be able to review your claim.

We will tell you when we review your claim. When we finish, we will send you a letter about our decision.

If You Now Get Money From Social Security

Even if you now get money from Social Security, we may still owe you more. Return the reply form to ask us to review your case.

If You Have Any Questions

If you have any questions, you may contact your local Social Security office. The address and telephone number are:

If you call or visit a Social Security office, please have this letter with you. It will help the people there answer your questions.

You may also contact Community Legal Services, the lawyers for the children in the Zebley case. Their toll-free telephone number is 1-800-523-0000.

Enclosures:

Reply form and envelope

ZEBLEY V. SULLIVAN REPLY FORM

IMPORTANT
YOUR CASE WILL BE DROPPED UNLESS WE HEAR FROM YOU

Name
Address
City, State, Zip

Date:

Social Security Number:

Please fill in the following information and return in the self-addressed,
pre-paid envelope.

CHILD'S NAME (Please Print)

ADDRESS (Number and Street, Apt. No., P.O. Box, or Rural Route)

☐ Is this a new address

CITY and STATE

ZIP CODE

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
(Different from above number)

TELEPHONE NO.

(Area Code)

SIGNATURE

DATE

Privacy Act Notice

Social Security Act (Sections 205(a) of title II, 702 of title VII, 1631(e)(1)(A) and (B) of title XVI, and 1869(b)(1) and (c) of title XVIII) allows us to collect the information on this form. We will use the information to process your claim. You do not have to give us this information, but without it we may not be able to process your claim. Information may be disclosed to another person or to another governmental agency for the administration of the Social Security program or for the administration of programs requiring coordination with the Social Security Administration. These and other reasons why information about you may be used or given out are explained in the Federal Register. If you want to learn more about this, contact any Social Security office.



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